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Title: AUTOMATIC DEVICE FOR FINISHING AND CUTTING MULTIPLE OR SINGLE IMAGES ON PAPER AND OTHER GRAPHIC AND PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBSTRATES IN REEL OR SINGLE SHEETS

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to and including March 18, 2003 for responding to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002 A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- [X] A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 206023.0071 as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
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